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FOR: SIGNAL ENCODING APPARATUS, :  
SIGNAL ENCODING METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.